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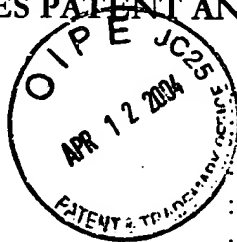
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On March 9, 2004 the Examiner graciously extended Applicant's representatives an interview to discuss the rejections in the outstanding Office Action. A Reply to the outstanding Office Action was filed on March 10, 2004. /

During the interview, the differences between the independent claims and the cited reference were discussed. In particular, claim 1 recites a method for quantization of a histogram bin value of an image in which the range of the histogram bin value is non-uniformly quantized according to the frequency of occurrence. As emphasized in the March 10, 2004 Amendment, the Wittenstein et al. patent does not teach or suggest these features. Claim 13 recites "non-uniformly quantizing the histogram by using different range values in the at least first, second and third sections of the histogram determined by the threshold values" which is also not taught or suggested in Wittenstein et al.

At the conclusion of the interview, it was argued that at least the above differences patentably distinguish the claims from the cited reference.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact Garth D. Richmond, Registration No. 43,044 at the telephone number listed below.

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